
**State Title 1 Distinguished Schools
2004-2005**

The Background:

The Title 1 Distinguished Schools Recognition Program is a joint endeavor of the Tennessee Department of Education and the National Association of State Title 1 Directors.

The purpose of the Title 1 Distinguished Schools Recognition Program is to identify schools that are ensuring that all children have access to effective instructional strategies and challenging academic content. In addition, these schools demonstrate success in ensuring that all children, particularly educationally deprived children make significant progress towards learning that content. Highly successful Title 1 schools that are operating in high poverty attendance areas (40% and above) were encouraged to apply. Schools across the state that operate either a schoolwide program or a targeted assistance school were invited to make application for this prestigious award.

Three schools in Tennessee have been recognized as state Title 1 Distinguished Schools for 2004-2005. Smyrna Primary School in Rutherford County, Andrew Jackson Elementary in Kingsport, Tennessee, and Hilham Elementary in Overton County have received the recognition of state Title 1 Distinguished Schools. There were no national Title 1 Distinguished School Awardees. These schools are certainly unique, but share common characteristics of dedicated staff, effective community and parental engagement as well as excellent district and school leadership.

The Recommendation:

For information purposes only; no action required.